



November 28, 2011

Sabrina Forrest  
Site Assessment Manager  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1595 Wynkoop Street  
Denver, CO 80202-1129

Dear Ms. Forrest,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Silverton Area Chamber of Commerce, I wish to offer the following comments.

The Silverton Area Chamber of Commerce is extremely concerned about EPA's efforts to place an area of Cement Creek near Silverton, Colorado on the Superfund National Priorities List in the near future, and how that action may affect the area and the local business community. While improvement of water quality is a valid goal, the Chamber would prefer that goal be pursued through the proven collaborative process of the Animas River Stakeholders Group, and thus avoid the stigma associated with a Superfund designation that might impact the local economy.

Please allow this collaborative process to work by suspending current efforts to designate a Superfund site in our community.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rose Raab". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rose" and last name "Raab" clearly distinguishable.

Rose Raab  
Executive Director

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